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DISPATCHES, of which the following are Copies, have been received from Captain Anstruther by the Right Honorable Lord Grenville, His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

Head Quarters of His Royal Highness the Archduke Charles, Windecken, September 10, 1796.

MY LORD,

I Have the Satisfaction of informing your Lordship, that the Progress of the Austrian Arms continues to be marked by brilliant and uninterrupted Success.

His Royal Highness the Archduke having quitted his Camp near Wurzburg on the 5th pushed on a strong Advanced Guard, under the Command of Lieutenant-General Kray, to secure the De Bouche of the Spessart. That Officer arriving in the Neighbourhood of Aschaffenbourg in the Afternoon of the 6th, found the Enemy, to the Number of Two Thousand Men, posted so as to dispute the Pass from the Forest. After a severe Cannonade, which lasted a considerable Time, he attacked them with much Spirit, drove them from their advantageous Position, and his Cavalry pursuing them without Hesitation through the Town, dispersed them in the Woods on the other Side of the Meyn. The Loss of the Enemy on this Occasion amounts to above a Thousand Men, of whom six Hundred are Prisoners.

The Archduke advanced on the 7th to Aschaffenbourg, where the Main Body halted on the 8th; but Intelligence being received that the Enemy had abandoned Frankfort the preceding Night, the Advanced Guards were pushed on successively to the Kintzig and the Nidda.

On the 9th His Royal Highness marched to Bettingen, and on the 10th to Windecken; the Advanced Corps occupying the important Point of Friedberg.

Ten Thousand Men, drawn from the Garrison of Mayence, have advanced towards Kenigstein, (which was abandoned by the Enemy on the 8th) and will be a very essential Reinforcement of Infantry to the Army.

The Consequences of these rapid and decisive Movements have exceeded the Expectations of the most sanguine, and have uniformly frustrated the Designs and Efforts of the Enemy.

Jourdan, who after the Action of the 3d, had directed his Retreat on to Fulda, was still in Hopes of gaining before the Archduke the strong Position of Bergen, where, reinforced by the Two Divisions which had been left behind in the Neighbourhood of Frankfort, he might have checked for a Time the Progress of the Austrians. In this View he arrived by